Commissioner for Patents United States Patent and Trademark Office Washington, D.C. 20231

Jerome R. Smith, Jr. EITAN, PEARL, LATZER & COHEN-ZEDEK One Crystal Park, Suite 210 2011 Crystal Drive Arlington, VA 22202-3709

In re Application of

SEGAL, Mordechai et al

U.S. Application No.: 09/674,412

PCT No.: PCT/IL99/00227 Int. Filing Date: 02 May 1999 Priority Date: 01 May 1998

Attorney's Docket No.: P-2450-US

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR For:

CAPACITY INCREASE AND **ENHANCED COMMUNICATIONS**

PERFORMANCE IN CATV

NETWORKS

NOTIFICATION

This notification is to inform counsel that applicants have filed a separate national stage filing for PCT/IL99/00227 appointing different counsel. As a result, the above-captioned U.S. application ("09/674,412") will be merged into the other national stage application. Hence, the above-captioned application will be inactive.

Consequently, the \$690.00 basic national fee, \$180.00 in extra claim fees, \$400.00 in independent claim fees, \$65.00 in surcharge fees and a \$55.00 one-month extension fee paid in the above-captioned inactive application will be credited back to Deposit Account 05-0649.

Please direct further correspondence with respect to this matter to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Box PCT, Washington, D.C. 20231, and address the contents of the letter to the attention of the PCT Legal Office.

Richard Cole

PCT Legal Examiner

PCT Legal Office

James Thomson Attorney Advisor **PCT Legal Office**

Tel.: (703) 308-6457